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Letter dated 6 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith information bulletins from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic for the period 4 to 6 October 2017 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the present letter and its annex to be circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) V. **Nebenzia**

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Annex to the letter dated 6 October 2017 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (4 October 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: four in Damascus and one in Dar'a.

The Turkish representative office has reported seven violations in the following governorates: two in Aleppo, one in Idlib, one in Homs and three in Damascus.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL).

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has carried out two humanitarian operations in the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic:

2 tons of food was delivered to the local population in Haysah, Homs governorate;

and 2.9 tons of food was delivered to the local population in Humaymah Kabir, Aleppo governorate.

In total, 1,635 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,209 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 246 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 58,358 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,241.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (5 October 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported five incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: two in Damascus, one in Dar'a and two in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported two violations in Damascus governorate.

Most incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides has not carried out any humanitarian operations.

In total, 1,635 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,209 tons.

Three humanitarian convoys were sent by the United Nations. Food products, medicines and household supplies, with a total weight of 385 tons, were delivered to Khaimi and Kahil in Dar'a governorate and Hulah in Homs governorate.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 74 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 58,432 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, one ceasefire agreement has been signed with Kissin in Homs governorate.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process has increased to 2,242.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

Information bulletin from the Russian Federation Ministry of Defence on the status of implementation of the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas (6 October 2017)

Observance of the ceasefire regime

Monitoring groups have continued to monitor observance of the ceasefire regime as part of implementing the memorandum on the creation of de-escalation areas in the Syrian Arab Republic signed by the Russian Federation, the Republic of Turkey and the Islamic Republic of Iran on 4 May 2017.

The situation in the de-escalation areas has been assessed as stable.

The Russian representative office of the Russian and Turkish Joint Commission reviewing issues related to violations of the ceasefire regime has reported six incidents of gunfire in the following governorates: two in Damascus, two in Dar'a and two in Aleppo.

The Turkish representative office has reported one violation in Damascus governorate.

Most of the incidents of small arms being fired indiscriminately have been reported in areas controlled by fighters of the terrorist groups Nusrah Front and ISIL.

Provision of humanitarian aid to the population of the Syrian Arab Republic

Over the past 24 hours, the Centre for Reconciliation of Opposing Sides in the Syrian Arab Republic has carried out three humanitarian operations:

2 tons of food was delivered to the local population in Ma'arrin, Hama governorate.

2.9 tons of food was delivered to the local population in Rasm al-Falih, Aleppo governorate.

and 2.2 tons of food was delivered to the local population in Khirbat al-Shabab, Damascus governorate.

In total, 1,638 humanitarian operations have been carried out. The total weight of humanitarian cargo delivered is 2,219.3 tons.

Over the past 24 hours, medical assistance has been provided to 408 residents.

In total, medical assistance has been provided to 58,840 residents.

Reconciliation of opposing sides

Over the past 24 hours, no ceasefire regime agreements have been signed with populated areas.

The number of populated areas that have joined the reconciliation process remains unchanged at 2,242.

Negotiations on joining the ceasefire regime continued with armed opposition groups in Aleppo, Damascus, Hama, Homs and Qunaytirah governorates.

The number of armed groups that have announced their commitment to accepting and fulfilling the terms of the ceasefire is unchanged — it is still 234.

About 5,000 Syrian citizens, including 3,000 children, have returned to Talfita (eastern Qalamun, Damascus governorate).